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Applicant: Lukanc et al.

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CLEAR FIELD PHASE SHIFT
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BORDER AROUND PHASE 180
REGIONS

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UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

All of the documents are in English.

Applicants respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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	A1	5,521,031	05/28/1996	Tennant et al.			
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	A2	U.S. Application Serial No. 09/772,577, entitled "PHASE SHIFT MASK AND SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MAKING THE SAME" by Lukanc					
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